

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Commission may caucus prior to Regular Meeting

7:00 PM

City Hall

Planning Commission

David K. Andrews

Anthony Penn

Jennifer Price

Kristin Rosan

Donald R. Shepherd

David B. Thom

Robert Westwood

Stacey L. Bashore, Deputy Clerk of Council

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A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL.

Gahanna Planning Commission met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 S. Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio, on Wednesday, January 27, 2010. The agenda for this meeting was published on January 21, 2010. Chair David K. Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commission member Anthony Penn.

Members Present: Anthony L. Penn, David K. Andrews, Jennifer T. Price, Kristin E. Rosan, David B. Thom, Donald R. Shepherd and Robert C. Westwood

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Clerk stated that the Hamilton Road Corridor Plan would be added under Committee Reports.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 13, 2010

A motion was made by Rosan, seconded by Thom, to approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2010 meetings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	7	Penn, Chair Andrews, Price, Rosan, Thom, Shepherd and Westwood
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D. HEARING OF VISITORS - ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA.

There were none.

E. APPLICATIONS:

Chair stated Public Hearing Rules that would govern all public hearing this evening. Assistant City Attorney Ray King administered an oath to those persons wishing to present testimony this evening.

V-0001-2010

To consider a variance application to vary Sections 1165.04(a)(7) and 1165.04(a)(12) of the codified ordinances of the City of Gahanna; to allow for the installation of an off-premise sign on the right of way; current zoning RID; for property located at 600 W. Johnstown Road; Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, by Stephen J. Reisch, applicant. (Advertised in RFE 1/14/10)

Huffman stated the application is as stated by the Chair; southwestern section of City; has a Johnstown Road address but does not have any direct access to their building; have to use a separate public street to access church; they have been having difficulty with people finding it; currently zoned RID; proposed location for the sign will be at the corner of Johnstown Road and Merily Lane; applicants did meet with zoning administrator to determine the best location for the sign; this was the best location agreed upon by the individuals.

Chair opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Matt Geary stated he was elder at the church; Gard and Wetherholt have been very

helpful working with us; want to participate in community events such as polling; we have been there for 2 years, but it is really hard to become a fixture and have an identity without a sign; we understand that the sign will be on City property in the right of way; we understand that if the City needs access to the ground where the sign it will be our responsibility to remove it and replace it if necessary.

Chair asked for any other proponents. There were none.

Chair asked for any opponents. There were none.

Public hearing was closed 7:07

Andrews asked who would be required to maintain the sign. Geary stated the church would maintain the grounds as well so the City wouldn't have to mow the property. Shepherd clarified that landscaping would still be required for the sign. Thom stated this is not a typical variance for public right of way; we do believe there are special circumstances; goes onto City Council; if for any reason in the future the right of way would be needed the sign would have to come down; church would be responsible. Shepherd agreed this was a unique situation; something that is necessary.

A motion was made by Thom, seconded by Penn, that this matter be Recommended to Council for Approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	7	Penn, Chair Andrews, Price, Rosan, Thom, Shepherd and Westwood
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F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

G. NEW BUSINESS:

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Olde Gahanna Visioning Committee

No report

HAMILTON ROAD CORRIDOR

Westwood stated we had our first meeting; very impressed with representatives who attended; looks like we have a lot of work to do, but it is going to be a big improvement for the City.

I. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

City Attorney.

No report.

City Engineer.

No report.

Department of Development.

Huffman did have first Hamilton Road Corridor meeting; next meeting is scheduled for February 18th and will be held at City Hall.

Chair.

No report.

J. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS.

There were none.

K. POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT.

No comments

L. ADJOURNMENT.

Adjourned at 7:11 p.m.; Motion by Price

M. POSTPONED APPLICATIONS:

- Z-0010-2009** To consider a Zoning application to zone 1.422 + .851 acres located at 1105 Beecher Crossing North; current zoning L-SO (Limited Overlay, Suburban Office), requested zoning L-AR (Limited Overlay, Multi-Family Residential); Melissa's House Foundation, Elaine Goldberg, applicant. (Advertised in the RFE on 11/19/2009 and 11/26/2009)
- V-0003-2009** To consider a variance application to vary Section 1163.02(a) of the codified ordinances of the City of Gahanna; to allow a reduction in the parking requirement and to vary Section 1167.15(b) to allow a variance for the parking setback; by Elaine Goldberg, applicant. (Advertised in RFE 11/26/09)
- PL-0001-2009** To make a recommendation to Council for park land dedication requirement; for development of property located at 1105 Beecher Crossing North; Melissa's House by Pizzuti Companies, applicant

Stacey Bashore
Deputy Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the Planning Commission, this
day of 2010.*

Chair Signature